

Boston Mass

April 9th/51



Dear Anne,

I suppose ~~that~~
you have received my
letter of yesterday. To-day
Hewley says he wrote
also, so you are informed
there has been ~~no~~
change here, the laws
of Mass cannot be
enforced. Last night
came a telegraphic
despatch from Worces-
ter in answer to a
request from Mayor
Bigelow that the police
of Worcester might be
in waiting at the
station if the slave is
carried off over the
Western railroad.
The Mayor of Worcester
entirely refused, say-
ing, that Worcester
acted under the
Laws of Mass. Sheriff
Evelth has done nothing
as yet. I went to church
this morning & heard
an ²⁵⁵inpatient to hear from Warren.

Parker preached a very
long sermon in
the course of which
he read a note just
rec'd from a friend,
who saw Marshall Gage
this morning. Gage said
he was perfectly aware
he was acting entirely
at variance with the
laws of Mass, but he
had rec'd his orders
from the Mayor &
Aldermen & they took
the responsibility. Wendell
has gone to Bridgewater
to day, to the old Colony
meeting - A hundred
men were out drilling
in Court Square this
morning at 5 o'clock -
Mary has been to
ride with Mrs. Grapton
this morning. Dr. Clarke
pronounces her to be very
bad, but Mary hopes he
is mistaken - I called
at Catharine's & El's yesterday.
Henrietta was looking

very feeble Chandler
left them nothing. He
was much better for
two or three days before
he died & made as
good a bargain the
day before as ever he
made in his life, —
with a man to take
care of his family.
He divided his prop-
erty among his heirs
at Law, 40 of them —
Mrs Child had written
Catherine a very affec-
tionate & sent her a bag,
alluding to past times
& all Catherine had
done for her & is
coming to spend a
night with them soon
she & Doloresa & had
made them a long
call. She (Mrs C) had
had a fight with
Mrs H. Silsbee on the
Slave Law & it would
have broken friendship

if Mrs S had not
apologised. Mrs
Parker was at Fennetta's
& I followed H's lead
which I soon found
was to ask all sorts of
questions, she was
evidently resolved
that Mrs P should
hear. H followed
me to the door to say
that this matter
had never been
mentioned between
her & Mrs P. & now
was a ~~chance~~ chance for
her to hear & she
should. It was Corbin
& Mrs Bates over again.
Fennetta asked the
most searching &
leading questions
about Paris & the folks.
I send you a transcript
which I wish you would
keep, unless you want
to send it to George
but it is time nearly for the
mail. to-morrow Curtis give
his decision. Ever yours D.M. L